



## HK&HDCA Representative Newsletter

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#### **Foster Shield U10's:** Round 1

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills DCA 2/123 def Blacktown 110

#### **Creak Shield – Under 11s:** Round 1

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#### **Cawsey Shield – Under 12s:** Round 1

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills DCA 5/158 lost to Northern Districts 3/159

#### **Gee Shield – Under 13s:** Round 1

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills DCA 8/175 def St George 9/88

#### **Moore Shield U14's :** Round 1

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills DCA 143 lost to Canterbury 151

#### **Weblin Shield U15's :** Round 1

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills DCA 5/241 def Bankstown 184

#### **Watson Shield – Under 16s:** Round 1

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills DCA 159 lost to Bankstown 5/160

# Match Reports

## Watson Shield

## Weblin Shield

## Moore Shield

U14 - Hornsby 143 all out (J Hayes 36) lost to Canterbury and Western suburbs 151 all out (C Rose 3-8, C Davenport 3-16, J Reynolds 2-10)

The start of a new season began with an away game at Canterbury and Western Suburbs at Mackey Park, Marrickville.

Hornsby lost the toss and Canterbury elected to bat first in hot, sunny conditions.

Hornsby took the field, led out by its new captain Jordan Hayes. The opening bowlers, Ken Chu and Connor Cameron, made a steady start and were unfortunate not to take early wickets as edges went agonisingly past the outstretched slip fielders. After 8 overs Canterbury would have been happy having scored 22 runs without loss. However, the first change bowlers of Charlie Rose and James Reynolds soon had Canterbury wondering what had hit them, as 3 wickets fell in the next 3 overs and suddenly Canterbury was 3-34. Things were not going to go all Hornsby's way and wicket-keeper Kieren, having taken a good catch to remove one of the openers, took a nasty blow on the thumb and had to leave the field for the rest of the innings. Joe Hiley taking on the wicket-keeping duties. Tom Shaw and Cooper Davenport continued the great bowling start taking a further 3 wickets and reducing Canterbury to 6-66. The spin duo of Jordan Hayes and Vedant Virmani, under instruction to improve the over rate, zipped through several overs whilst the Canterbury batsmen attempted to consolidate and re-build the innings. The sixth wicket partnership of 58 runs helped build the confidence of the Canterbury batsmen as they pushed the scoring rate up during the final overs to a total of 151, Ken taking a screamer of a catch "over-his shoulder" on the boundary to remove the final batsman .

Our batsmen were confident of being able to reach the target of 152. Charlie and Joe opened the innings but soon Charlie was back in the pavilion having been run-out. Cooper steadied the innings allowing Joe to play a few powerful shots, including a big 6 over square-leg. But as soon as it looked like Joe (20) was set for a big score he lost his wicket to a slower ball and a good catch by the Canterbury fielder. Jordan was next in and batting confidently, hitting several boundaries including a 6 over square leg. At 72-2 at the 25 over mark it looked like Hornsby would cruise to victory. Cooper (16) was out in the 26th over with the score at 74-3, and new batsmen Nick Hammond continued to exert pressure on the Canterbury bowlers scoring 18 runs at almost a run a ball. With Nick (18) and Jordan (36) both back in the pavilion and the score at 108-5 in the 35th over, Hornsby needed just 44 runs in 15 overs with 5 wickets in hand. Patrick Gall looked to be in good touch scoring 19 runs, but was run-out following a mix-up. The pressure seemed to get to the tail-enders as each of them lost his wicket just when it looked like he was getting set to lead the team to victory. As Hornsby went from 108-5 to 135-9 with just 3 overs remaining. The final pair needed 10 runs to win off the final over, and whilst they tried hard to secure the runs, unfortunately fell agonisingly short.

## Gee Shield

At first glance this looks like a comfortable victory for Hornsby. A lot of good hard cricket went into this victory.

Hornsby batted first and at 3 for 13 it is fair to say the game was not going to plan, even so, Jordan looked positive, this sends a message to the next batsman. Through the early setbacks Corey (63) was able to hold things together. Good support was provided by Jack (36) advancing the score to 76. Both Corey and Jack batted superbly. At 4 for 76 Hornsby was far from out of trouble. Corey continued to hold the innings together, enter Will and Lachlan Soles who provided excellent support to Corey and good examples to other players how we approach our batting. Sometimes the true value of a batsman cannot be viewed in the score book. At 6 for 124 we were close to a par score for this ground. The innings rounded off with some outstanding batting from the late middle order, Varun (21 no), Jarod (13) and Sol (9 no) scoring nearly 50 runs off the last 10 overs. From 3 for 13 the game had now certainly been taken away from St. George

The Hornsby strike bowlers Jonathon (6 overs 0 for 5), Sol (6 overs 0 for 9) and Jack (9 overs 2 for 5) bowled an excellent line and length at good pace. If St George thought seeing off the strike bowlers was an opportunity to score runs, they were soon to do battle with our outstanding trio of middle order bowlers, Jarod (6 overs 3 for 8), Varun (6 overs 1 for 8) and Menuja (5 overs 0 for 15) all maintained good pressure resulting in wickets. I believe we have some very good options with our pace bowlers, there will be no respite. Will (5 overs 0 for 17) and Yash (4 overs 1 for 12) are two clever all round cricketers, there is expectation whether they're batting, bowling leg spin, or fielding.

The fielding was very good, Jarod rounded off a "day out" with two catches, Jordan and Varun took safe catches. Menuja made a very good run out and generally fielded well. A special mention to Lachlan Shaw behind the stumps, a great support to his bowlers and puts pressure on the batsman.

## Cawsey Shield

On the back of a good win in their final trial match, Hornsby went into this match with some confidence. Alistair Weston won the toss and elected to bat first at Mt Kuring-Gai. Northern Districts put Hornsby on the backfoot early by removing the two openers, Blake Harris and Max Marden by the eighth over. Patrick Xie strode in with confidence and steadied the innings, and subsequently joined by Ollie Jennings. Together they put on 63 for the third wicket, before Ollie was run-out for 21. Sean McAllister at no 5 was looking to accelerate but chased one down the leg side and was out caught behind soon after. Toby Pilbeam then built another partnership with Patrick of 43. Patrick by now was playing some very attacking cricket, punishing any loose delivery with his wristy backfoot drives and some great straight drives that found the long on boundary. Patrick was eventually out for a fine 80 and the innings closed at 158-5 with Toby not-out on 28. This was going to be a competitive total but the boys felt a few more runs would have set up a real contest.

Northern Districts started steadily and a good opening spell from Amardeep Gill and Shaan Bakshi could not get the breakthrough. Sean and Alistair at first-change worked hard but the openers absorbed the pace well. The introduction of spin with Will McCarroll brought about the first wicket with a fine stumping by Billy Jameson. Sean took a sharp catch at mid wicket to dismiss the other opener off a good second spell from Amardeep. At 2-73 the chances started to come, but Hornsby couldn't exert the sustained pressure needed to prise apart a wicket. Will was bowling well and unleashing the occasional delivery that skidded and bounced and the introduction of Ollie also put some doubt in the batsmen's minds, but ultimately careful and sensible cricket by ND's saw them home with almost 3 overs to spare. The boys had put some great effort in the field and Alistair tried all his bowlers, including spells from Toby, Patrick and Jackson Rishworth, to get the breakthroughs but they didn't materialise. Sean took two catches, and a wicket a-piece went to Amardeep (1-16), Alistair (1-23) and Will (1-30).

Patrick was the highest scorer of the match, and the innings deserved to be a match-winning effort. The boys were disappointed with their first match of the campaign and will be looking at improving next week. Thanks to all the parents, grandparents and siblings for the support, and another fantastic lunch from the parents.

## Creak Shield

The team arrived at the Central Coast home ground for round 1 fielding a new look team with newcomers Evan, Cooper and Vansh making the squad. The boys navigated through the swarm of flies and padded up being sent into bat after losing the toss.

Although losing to Central Coast at a close trial game the week before, the boys needed some early runs on the board. However, early wickets fell after the team was looking to gain the upper hand and partnerships were scarce. Will excelled doing the openers job but finally fell for 17 runs in the 20th over. Evan also scored an impressive 17 runs giving the boys something to bowl at. Our innings finishing for 90 runs in the 46th over.

After the lunch break the boys were given instructions from coaches Daniel and John to bowl tightly and we had a good chance to take victory. However, the opening pair found 2 boundaries from the first 2 balls in their innings and the scales had tipped in Central Coasts favour. Momentum continued as the 50 run partnership ticked over for no wickets. After some near misses the opening partnership finally fell for 60 runs. 3 more wickets fell with some great bowling from Aryan (2/6) and the run rate slowed considerably, however Central Coast took victory in the 36th over. Evan again was solid behind the stumps keeping the byes to a minimum.

A big thank you to the Central Coast team for lunch and the boys will be well prepared for round 2 next week at their home ground.

## Foster Shield

On Sunday Hornsby travelled to Kareela oval Doonside to take on Blacktown in the season opener of the Foster Shield. After winning the toss and batting Hornsby posted a competitive 3/123 thanks largely to Sidhant 36 no and a quick fire 30 no from Jordan in the final few overs. Special mention to Riley coming in at no 3 and compiling a well made 20 in difficult playing conditions.

Blacktown were always on the back foot with a steady fall of wickets, Alex ended with 3/12 a great performance which made the run chase very tough. At one stage Blacktown were 9/76 after 30 overs but to their credit didn't give in taking the game into the last over before a runout sealed victory for Hornsby by 13 runs in the end.

All in all the boys should be very proud of the effort they put in on a tough away game in very warm conditions.